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CATALYZING LGBTQ HEALTH RESEARCH



Gonna try with a little help from our friends (to improve LGBTQ health)!

At PRIDEnet, we're proud to support research collaborations in pursuit of better health outcomes and care for our LGBTQ communities. This month, [we invite you to learn about one of our newest Ancillary Study partners:](#)

Ibis Reproductive Health advances sexual and reproductive autonomy, choices, and health worldwide for multiple communities, including trans and non-binary people. Ibis worked closely with The PRIDE Study Co-Director Dr. Juno Obedin-Maliver to craft a survey to learn from trans and non-binary people who were assigned female at birth about their experiences accessing sexual and reproductive health care. Ibis' Mary Durden describes the deep collaborative process: "So much love and compassion went into ensuring that taking this survey would be an affirming and empowering experience. For example, the survey allows participants to enter the language they use to name their own body parts, functions, and experiences."

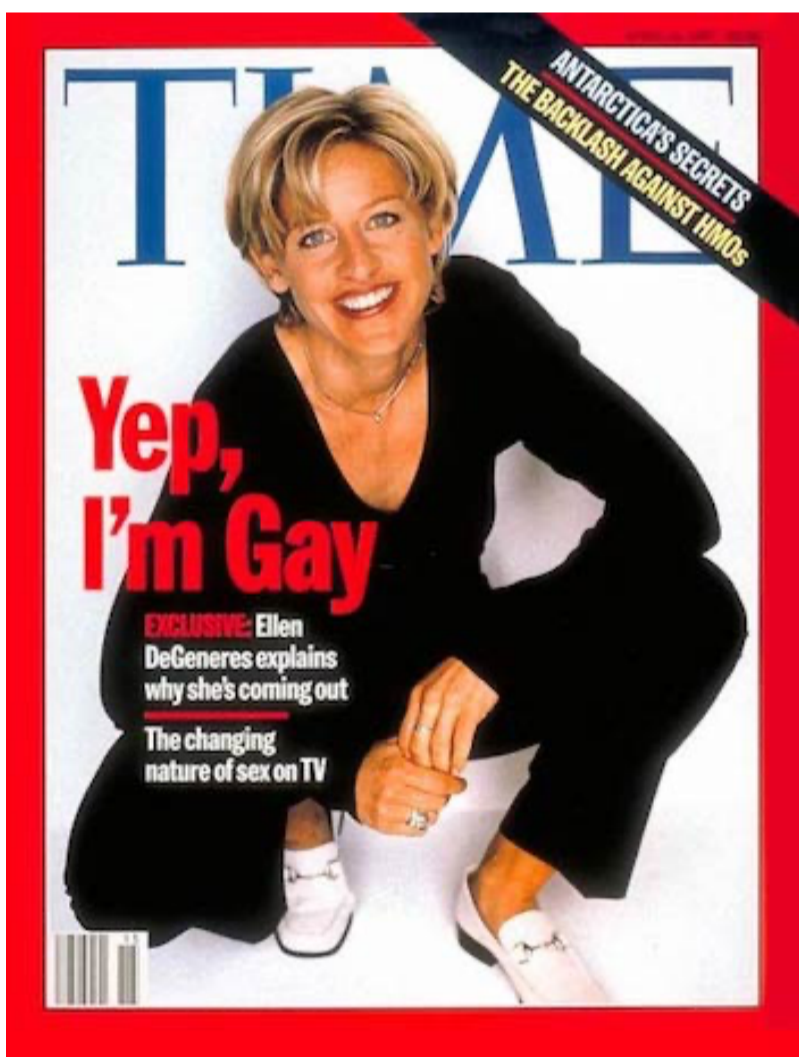


Celebrating diversity in medical research this National Minority Health Month

Why do certain treatments work for some individuals and not others? What if researchers could discover how our genes and backgrounds affect our health and the health of our communities? The *All of Us* Research Program seeks to advance precision medicine so that researchers may find new ways to tailor care. YOU can help make all of this possible by joining today!

In celebration of National Minority Health Month this April, a new *All of Us* vlog episode of 'The Dish' explores why diversity in health research is important from the perspective of several different community representatives – including PRIDEnet's own Mahri Bahati.

[Check it out!](#)



LGBTQ Health History Spotlight: 1997

Can you believe it's been 22 years since one of television's most memorable coming out moments? In April of 1997, Ellen DeGeneres made history when her title character came out as a lesbian. Her performance on Ellen was among the first in the US to portray a main character who was openly gay, and the actress subsequently came out in real life on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* and in *Time* magazine.

Just in time to celebrate **Lesbian Visibility Day** on April 26, [here's a flashback to this historic – and hilarious! – clip](#)

[from the famous "Puppy Episode"... enjoy!](#)

PS – In a cruel blow to both visibility and justice, Trump's transgender military ban went into effect earlier this month. We are proud that The PRIDE Study's Co-Director, Dr. Juno Obedin-Maliver, spoke out unequivocally against this ugly act of discrimination on the day the ban became official. [Read her OpEd in The Advocate here.](#)

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